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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

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Attn. Mr. Clark F. Dexter

United States Patent and Trademark Office Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

On June 30, 2003 we received a Notice of Abandonment dated June 18, 2003 for failure to timely respond to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2002. A copy of this Notice is herewith enclosed. In response, we submit this Request for Withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment on the grounds that:

- 1) An amendment was actually received by the Patent Office within the required term and;
- 2) that we responded within a reasonable period after actually receiving the Notice of Abandonment.

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Amendment was actually received by the Patent Office within the required term:

We enclose a copy of our Amendment dated December 18, 2002 sent in response to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2002. Please note that this document was faxed to the USPTO bearing a duly signed Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR §1.8. This reply was sent within the first deadline of December 24, 2002.

In the light of the above, the Undersigned requests that the Office reconsider its decision of Abandonment as we have presented the necessary proofs of our good faith and timely action.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to debit the account of Bugnion S.A., Geneva, Account No. 50-0800, for any fee under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required in this application to the above-mentioned deposit account, including any petition fee which may be due.

Further because it is probable that the originally sent form and authorization to debit our account will reappear in the patent office, we ask that you refund our account for any double charges.

If the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at 011-4122-346-89-60 at e-mail 011-4122-747-78-49 OI fax patents@bugnion.ch.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 7, 2003

Enclosures: Copy of the Amendment + confirmation of fax transmission

Copy of Notice of Abandonment